

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT
DAMON LOVELESS, UNITED
STATES NAVY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize those men and women who have served this great Nation with honor, men such as Lieutenant Damon Loveless, United States Navy.

For the past year, Lieutenant Loveless, who has already been selected to become a Lieutenant Commander, served on my staff as a Congressional Defense Fellow. In the last six months of his assignment, he served as my Military Legislative Assistant and as my principal staff member responsible for defense, veterans, foreign affairs and intelligence matters. Lieutenant Loveless executed his work as a liaison to the constituents of the First District and the numerous defense installations in the First District with distinction. Furthermore, he provided exceptional support to me as my staff liaison to the House Armed Services Committee in my role as a Subcommittee Ranking Member and the U.S. Naval Academy in my role as a member of the Board of Visitors.

Lieutenant Loveless directly contributed to my goal of providing excellent constituent service to the people of the First District. He was responsible for bringing numerous constituent inquiries to a successful conclusion and he was able to leverage his personal and operational experience to respond to the most challenging inquiries.

In addition to his efforts on behalf of the First District, Lieutenant Loveless took on projects with regional, state and national implications, demonstrating his ability to view a challenge from many angles and develop innovative solutions often requiring collaboration across many levels of government.

Lieutenant Loveless' work ethic, duty to mission, and commitment to servant leadership is without equal. I believe that his personal drive to achieve excellence in his work has and will set a very high standard for his peers.

I would also like to thank Lieutenant Loveless and his family for the service and sacrifice they make for our Nation and our great Navy. His keen sense of honor, impeccable integrity, boundless work ethic, and loyal devotion to duty earned him the respect and admiration of my staff and the 1st District of Virginia. Lieutenant Loveless is headed back to the Fleet to assume his duties at sea as a leader and mentor to our Nation's Sailors. Furthermore, he is going back into harm's way to execute his trade as Naval Aviator, flying the F/A-18 Super Hornet. I have no doubt that Lieutenant Loveless will continue to serve the United States Navy honorably and with distinction.

I wish him the best of luck as he continues his Naval career. It was an honor and a pleas-

ure having him serve on my staff. We all can sleep soundly at night knowing that men and women like Lieutenant Damon Loveless stand ready to defend our country and take the fight to our enemies; far away from their families and the comforts of the United States of America.

Lieutenant Damon Loveless, thank you. Best of luck to you and God bless you, your family, and your fellow men and women in uniform.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. ADELE V.
TRAPP

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mrs. Adele V. Trapp.

For 53 years, Mrs. Trapp has served as Den Mother to Cub Pack 263 of the Greater New York Council of Boy Scouts of America, located at St. Philip's Episcopal Church. This dedication earned Mrs. Trapp a spot in the Guinness Word Book of Records.

Mrs. Trapp was born in Barbados, West Indies, and will be turning 97 on February 26th. She is a founding Board Member of St. Mark's Day School and recently retired from the New York City Department of Education, where she received a Quality of Work Life Program Award for 30 years of dedicated service. At the time of her retirement, she was the oldest employee in the Department of Education; this feat was acknowledged in a feature article published in the New York Daily News. Prior to her work with the Department of Education, Mrs. Trapp served as Secretary to the Comptroller in the New York City Transit Authority.

Mrs. Trapp has been honored for her community service by countless officials and organizations, including Brooklyn Borough President, Marty Markowitz and the Crown Heights Lions Club.

In addition to her honors and accolades, Mrs. Trapp is a proponent of the nation's labor movement. As a proud member of DC 37 and the Union shop steward, Mrs. Trapp provided key testimony in the Union's successful efforts to get the Department of Education to pay paraprofessionals on Brooklyn/Queens Day and to compensate them for previous unpaid work on those days.

Mrs. Trapp also has a strong commitment to her faith. She has been a member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church for 67 years and received two awards: the Service to Church and Community Award from St. Matthew's Deanery and the Bishop's Medal of Distinguished Parochial Service.

Besides enjoying the company of her large family and many friends, Mrs. Trapp has been a bowler for 50 years and is a member of the Women's International Bowling Congress. In 2009, she was recognized in El Paso, Texas, for her 30 years of participation in the natural tournaments.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Mrs. Adele V. Trapp.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF
MELIA ENNE WOODWARD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to celebrate the birth of Melia Enne Woodward. Melia was born on Friday, September 10, 2010, to her proud parents, Ryan and Kristin Woodward of Fruita, Colorado. Melia entered the world at 12:32 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction, Colorado, weighing a healthy 7 lbs. 0.7 oz. and 19.5 inches long. Melia also joins her sister, Elliana Kaye Woodward.

Melia also has proud grandparents, Susan Kaye Tanner of Laramie, Wyoming, Cheryl Farmer of Sidney, Nebraska, as well as Bruce Woodward of Maryville, Missouri, to spoil her. Also looking after her from heaven is the late Darrell Earnest Hall of Sidney, Nebraska. Melia is also the nephew of Travis and Sarah Woodward of Kansas City, Missouri, Nathan Woodward of Maryville, Missouri, Sarah Hall of Grand Junction, Colorado, Zach Hall and Zane Hall both of Sidney, Nebraska.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in celebrating the birth of Melia Enne Woodward. I see great things in Melia's future considering her parents' and grandparents' great emphasis on family values, service and patriotism.

I wish Melia the best life has to offer.

CONGRATULATING MAJOR GENERAL GREGORY WAYT ON HIS
UPCOMING RETIREMENT FROM
THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, with great pleasure I rise to recognize the distinguished career of my constituent, Major General Gregory Wayt on his upcoming retirement from the Ohio National Guard.

The inception of the National Guard dates back over 370 years. Since its origin as colonial militias, the National Guard has protected our nation, has participated in every armed military engagement, and has responded to natural disasters and local emergencies. Guardsman, activated by the state or federal government, respond to protect our citizens. This commitment by National Guardsmen has been vital to the security of our country and the preservation of our liberties. This incredibly important branch of our armed forces' dedication to freedom and safety extends not only to our citizenry but to many around the world.

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Major General Gregory Wayt has served in the United States armed forces for 35 years. Throughout his career, MG Wayt has earned many accolades and achievements for his supreme leadership qualities and unwavering commitment to the guard. Since his appointment as Adjutant General of Ohio's 17,000 guardsmen and women in 2004, the Ohio Guard has received national recognition for its professionalism and for the commitment of its war fighters. Truly, they have lived up to their motto: "When called, we will respond with ready units!" The success and outstanding reputation of the Ohio National Guard reflects MG Wayt's caliber of leadership. His long and illustrious career serving our great state and nation will be remembered. I am proud to recognize the achievements of such a fine American.

Once again, congratulations to Major General Gregory L. Wayt on his retirement from the Ohio National Guard. He has left an outstanding legacy. On behalf of the citizens of the 12th Congressional District of Ohio, please accept our gratitude for many years of service and sacrifice.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, which took place in November. Although November has passed, it is never too late to raise awareness about this disease, which afflicts an estimated 5.3 million Americans, including 480,000 in my home state of California, and affects another 11 million family members and friends who provide countless hours of unpaid care to those suffering from Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. This is a disease that exacts high tolls from the American public, both financially and emotionally, and we must do all we can to eradicate it.

I urge my colleagues to commit to take action to support caregivers, and to invest in research and education so that we may diagnose, treat, and eventually find a cure for Alzheimer's.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF JOSEPH R. CERRELL

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Joseph R. "Joe" Cerrell, iconic political consultant and one of the longtime pillars of the Los Angeles community, who died on December 3, 2010, in Camarillo, California. A political consultant before the profession existed, Joe Cerrell filled his dynamic 75 years with public affairs, public relations and public service.

There's a classic photo of John F. Kennedy riding through a Los Angeles ticker-tape pa-

rade, with a grinning Joe Cerrell sitting right in the front of the car. That was Joe—always smiling, always, out front, always driving the process—and of course, always showered in adulation. For five decades, Joe's passion, principle and unrivaled political acumen influenced state and national politics, and his forward-thinking work truly helped shape the country and modern California, his adopted home.

Joe Cerrell was born June 19, 1935 in New York City, to Sal, a firefighter, and Marion Cerella, a switchboard operator. No doubt it's from his parents that Joe learned to put out political fires and to organize and connect people with legendary efficiency. Moving west to Los Angeles in his teens, Joe Cerrell finished high school and enrolled at USC. It was there, after founding the Trojan Democratic Club, that Joe began his lifelong political career. As a junior, he began arranging Kennedy's California visits, ultimately becoming Kennedy's California personal aide. Having caught the attention of Jesse Unruh, Joe soon found himself working on Unruh's State Assembly campaign, and later, on Attorney General Edmund G. "Pat" Brown's gubernatorial campaign.

After graduating in 1957 with a degree in Political Science, 24-year-old Joe was tapped by Unruh to head the California Democratic Party, the youngest ever to lead the state party. Joe then served as Kennedy's California campaign manager in 1960, an experience that ultimately led Joe to both his greatest love and greatest heartbreak. At Kennedy's urging, Joe became engaged to Lee Bullock, a fellow campaign worker. After Vice President Johnson asked them to postpone their wedding in order to staff an event, the couple finally celebrated their wedding. While on their honeymoon in Paris, Joe and Lee read about Kennedy's assassination and wept with the world.

Together with Lee, Joe founded his own political consulting firm in 1967, Cerrell Associates. Over the years, Joe advised the presidential campaigns of Kennedy, Johnson, Hubert Humphrey, Lloyd Bentsen, John Glenn, and Al Gore. His statewide clients included the likes of Willie Brown and Jerry Brown, whom Joe first helped win a seat on the Los Angeles Junior College Board in a 124-candidate race. In later years, Joe's outstanding record of electing judicial candidates earned him the title of "the judge-maker." Notable dignitaries such as the Dalai Lama and His Holiness Catholicos Vazken I and Catholicos Karekin I sought out Joe to manage their California tours, with the latter earning Cerrell Associates a "Best Special Event" Award from the Public Relations Society of America—Los Angeles. Their long list of clients was a testament to Joe's extraordinary management and strategic skills, and the firm expanded their influence by adding a Washington, D.C. office in 1983, eventually becoming the 43rd-largest independently owned PR firm in the country.

This success earned Joe countless accolades. He won a PRism Award for being an "Outstanding PR Professional" and Cerrell Associates was named "Small Family-Owned Business of the Year" by the Los Angeles Business Journal. Embracing his role as one of Los Angeles' most prominent political professionals, Joe served as president and on the boards of both the American Association of Political Consultants and the International Association of Political Consultants.

In addition to his professional work, Joe found time to become one of Los Angeles' most involved and civic-minded residents. He served on the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission during the 1984 Olympics and was chairman of the Hollywood Wilshire YMCA. Returning to his alma mater, he co-founded and taught at USC's Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics, and lectured widely across the country. For his years of outstanding contributions to the city, the Central City Association named Cerrell a "Treasure of Los Angeles." But despite all that he did for his adopted hometown, Joe Cerrell never abandoned his New York roots, often requiring family and colleagues to play Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York" at events. That was the sense of humor and zest for life Joe brought with him everywhere.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Joe Cerrell's wife, Lee; his children, Steve, Sharon and Joe; his sons- and daughters-in-law; and his seven wonderful grandchildren. Joe Cerrell embodied a time of political engagement and civility that made him one of the most sought-after political commentators and earned him friends across the political spectrum. He was a progressive pioneer, credited with helping "to create modern political consulting" by Professor Ann N. Crigler, Chair of USC's Political Science Department, and praised as "a great champion of progressive political causes" by former Vice President Al Gore. His death truly represents the passing of an era, and for me, the passing of a dear friend. I'm honored to pay tribute to Joe Cerrell for his incredible role in shaping our State and our country.

HELPING THE IRANIAN OPPOSITION

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, on November 16th, 2010 I held a briefing on my bill H. Res. 1431, which urges the Obama administration to remove the main Iranian opposition group, the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI/MEK) from the list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations. This bill has been co-sponsored by 109 Members of the House of Representatives.

In a letter to the Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on that same day, I was joined by my colleagues and brought the resolution to the attention of the Secretary and urged her to delist the PMOI. Below are the remarks that I made to the Members and Staff gathered at the briefing:

We have introduced Resolution 1431, which calls upon the U.S. government, the President, the Secretary of State to remove the Peoples Mojahedin Organization of Iran . . . from the State Department list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations . . . Like other parliaments around the world, we in the United States Congress believe that this organization does not qualify to be on the FTO list both on legal and political grounds. Removing the MEK from the FTO list is not only the right thing to do but sends the right message to Iran.

I would like to thank the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran,

Mrs. Rajavi, who has not only led this fight, but has also offered all kinds of assistance to the residents of Camp Ashraf.

HONORING MR. JOHN E. BAIR

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John "Jack" E. Bair, a proud veteran, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who passed away on November 17th, 2010.

Mr. Bair was born on May 9th, 1928 in Ripley Township, Minnesota. He was the youngest of Basil E. Bair and Lela Beth Bunnell's four children. Jack joined the United States Army in 1943, serving our country for 31 years and eventually retiring in 1974 as a Chief Warrant Officer Four. For his service to his country, Chief Bair was awarded the WWII Victory Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, and the Korean War Service Medal. He played a critical role training his fellow soldiers in the deployment of the National Air Defense Systems as well as the implementation of the Nike and Hercules missile systems.

During the course of his life Mr. Bair lived and served in South Korea, the South Pacific, Turkey, Alaska, Colorado, California, Alabama, and Minnesota. After his retirement from the Army, Jack settled with his family in Ashland, Oregon and eventually moved to his home in Cibola, Texas. Jack was an avid reader and a feared billiards and cribbage opponent. He excelled in hunting, fishing, water skiing, bowling and pinocle.

Jack is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mardell Rae Bair, his daughter Genie Jones and her husband Mike, his daughter LeyAnn Pyne and her husband Kevin, his son John T. Bair and his wife Amy, his daughter-in-law Dawn Bair, and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He happily joins his brothers, Eugene and Robert Bair, as well as his sons, Daniel and Jason Bair.

Jack Bair lived a life of honor and service to both his country and family. He passed on the importance of hard work and doing things right the first time to all those he met. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow members to join me in honoring the life of John E. Bair and the lasting legacy he leaves behind.

**HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS
ACT OF 2010**

SPEECH OF

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, S. 3307, to reauthorize and improve the child nutrition programs and the Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants, and Children, WIC. Further, I wish to expand upon my floor remarks to clarify the intent of my support for specific provisions included in this legislation.

This legislation makes important improvements to improve children's access to the

child nutrition programs, improve quality of nutrition benefits provided, protect the Federal investment, and promote financial solvency of program providers. S. 3307 provides robust reforms that inspire public-private partnerships, ensure better stewardship of Federal funds, and better meet the nutritional needs of children.

Many of these provisions included in S. 3307 were also considered in H.R. 5504, The Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act, which was reported favorably out of the Committee on Education and Labor on July 15, 2010 with a bipartisan vote of 32–13. I am pleased that both pieces of legislation share many critical priorities to strengthen the child nutrition programs and provide the following clarifications on provisions within S. 3307.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

First, this legislation authorizes the Secretary to directly certify eligible children for free school meals using Medicaid data. Direct certification is a method to automatically enroll eligible low-income children for free school meals using data from specific means tested programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.

Direct certification of eligible children for free schools meals reduces household and administrative burden, and can improve program integrity by relying on electronic data matching systems rather than household income applications. Direct certification using Medicaid data has the potential to be a very promising mechanism to substantially reduce the number of families that have to complete a household application for school meals in addition to other Federal means tested programs with similar income requirements.

While H.R. 5504 established a nationwide option for all States to utilize direct certification using Medicaid data, S. 3307 limits implementation to a demonstration project in school districts selected by the Secretary. Despite the more limited scope, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that this provision will connect approximately 115,000 more eligible children with free school meals each year that currently do not participate.

Furthermore, I commend the Secretary of Agriculture for committing to take additional administrative action to bolster this legislation and further improve children's access to the school meal programs by testing new effective methods for maximizing the use of direct certification to improve eligible children's access to free and reduced price school meals. Upon passage of this legislation, I urge the Secretary to maximize the potential of direct certification using Medicaid data by using the pilot authority established in section 18(c) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to test specific methods that may more effectively identify eligible children. Specifically, I encourage the Secretary to use this authority to identify effective statewide direct certification systems using Medicaid data, or to test methods by which Medicaid data may be effectively used to directly certify eligible children for reduced price meals.

Secondly, this legislation creates new alternatives for low-income schools and districts to count and claim reimbursable meals by establishing additional community-data based methods rather than household applications. Section 104 of this legislation allows the Secretary

to reimburse high-poverty schools or districts based on an approximation of the number of students who would qualify for free or reduced priced meals. The Secretary will make this determination based on data from direct certification or other rigorous community survey data to determine the percent of children attending schools or districts that are income eligible for free or reduced price school meals. This provision makes school meals more accessible to low-income children and will significantly reduce administrative burden for schools.

It is important that the Secretary recognize that the authority provided by this provision allows these alternative counting and claiming methods to be available to any school or district nationwide, consistent with the parameters of the provision. There are approximately 12,000 schools in which more than 80 percent of students are certified for free or reduced price meals. I urge the Secretary to ensure that these new options for counting and claiming reimbursable meals be available to all eligible high-poverty schools that elect to participate, to conduct appropriate outreach, and to provide necessary technical assistance to support adoption and compliance.

INCREASING PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

I am pleased that this legislation includes section 105, an authorization of grants to expand the school breakfast program. This provision recognizes the important role that the school breakfast program plays in promoting diet quality, learning, and curbing child hunger. This section authorizes the Secretary to focus technical assistance and support to increase children's access to this program by implementing best practices to provide breakfast, including through tested best practices such as breakfast in the classroom or by offering the meal service as part of the school day.

I am disappointed, however, that this legislation does not provide critical funds to help schools overcome initial start-up barriers, such as minor equipment costs or inadequate staffing. Barriers such as these can preclude schools from moving toward sustainable school breakfast program improvements. I appreciate, though, that the Secretary has expressed his commitment to expanding children's access to this important program through administrative actions which encourage best practices in school breakfast programs such as meal delivery outside of the cafeteria and the offering of school breakfast as an integral part of the school day. The Secretary's commitment will help to ensure that children who want to participate are able to participate in school breakfast programs.

IMPROVING DIET QUALITY THROUGH THE SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAMS

I understand the Secretary is currently working to promulgate proposed regulations to update the school meal nutrition standards to reflect the recommendations from the Institute of Medicine. The last time that the nutrition standards for school meals were revised was in 1995. Improvements to reflect current science are long past due and I urge the Secretary to work expeditiously to promulgate proposed regulations to update school nutrition standards.

There have been concerns expressed by stakeholders that the improvements necessary for the school meal patterns to reflect current

nutrition science will require additional investment to cover higher food costs and other increases in foodservice costs. The Institute of Medicine, in their report to the Secretary that included science-based recommendations to update the school meal patterns, estimates that if the Secretary were to fully implement their recommendations that food costs may increase by 4 to 9 percent for lunch and 18 to 23 percent for breakfast.

S. 3307 provides an additional 6 cent reimbursement for all reimbursable lunches served that meet the new nutrition requirements, and provides a total of \$100 million over 2 years for technical assistance to support implementation of new requirements for healthier meals. This additional Federal support is adequate to make important changes to the quality and safety of the school meals programs. I remain concerned, however, about imposing unfunded mandates on schools and urge the Secretary to ensure that the final nutrition standards consider cost and additional burden that would be borne by school districts and school foodservice for compliance.

NATIONAL NUTRITION STANDARDS FOR FOODS SOLD IN SCHOOLS

This legislation includes a provision, section 208, that requires the Secretary to update nutrition standards for foods sold in competition with the school meals through vending machines, a la carte lines, and school stores. The sale of unhealthy foods and sodas in schools undermines the annual \$12 billion federal investment in these programs.

The standards would apply to foods sold throughout the school campus and during the school day. Section 208 requires the Secretary to establish standards based on the most recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans and take into consideration authoritative scientific recommendations, existing State, local, and voluntary industry nutrition standards, and the practical application of the standards. Section 208 does not affect school parties or classroom celebrations, and provides a special exemption for school-sponsored and approved fundraisers that occur infrequently within the school during the official school day.

Current regulations for competitive foods have not been updated in 30 years, despite significant improvements in our understanding of nutrition science, and escalating childhood obesity rates. Current competitive food regulations apply only to a limited number of items sold in the food-service area during meal times. While there have been many voluntary improvements at the State and local levels, as well as across the food and beverage industry, there continues to be drastic inconsistencies that impact schools' economies of scale, as well as failing to ensure children, regardless of where they live and attend school, have access to school environments that give them opportunities to make healthful decisions. This provision would give the Secretary authority to ensure schools apply minimum nutrition standards throughout the school day and the school campus.

There have been concerns expressed by certain stakeholders that these nutrition standards will reduce important revenue generated to support school programs and activities. According to studies conducted by the Department of Agriculture, the Center for Disease Control, and the Center for Weight and Health at U.C. Berkeley, the majority of schools switching to healthier competitive foods don't lose money, but actually increase revenue.

I urge the Secretary to work expeditiously to promulgate regulations to establish nutrition standards for foods sold in schools. In developing and implementing these regulations, I further urge the Secretary to ensure that there is ample opportunity for public comment and engagement to ensure that this important reform is implemented in a responsible manner, that prioritizes children's health, and ensures necessary flexibility for schools.

IMPROVING DIET QUALITY IN THE CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

The Child and Adult Care Food Program is critical to improving young children's diets, reducing the risk of unhealthy weight gain, and helping them start school ready to learn. More than 3.5 million children under age five are cared for in childcare centers, and many more are cared for in less formal arrangements. Children spend more than 30 hours a week in childcare, on average. Childcare providers share significant responsibility in promoting children's healthy growth and development.

The Child and Adult Care Food Program helps to provide critical support to childcare providers to ensure children have access to healthy meals, snacks, and childcare environments. Research has shown that children who consume meals at childcare through the Child and Adult Care Food Program eat healthier food than children who bring meals and snacks from home.

Many childcare providers participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program have made significant improvements recently to improve the quality of food provided in the program, as well as to promote healthier childcare environments. Childcare providers, especially those providing less formalized care in family homes, can benefit from information on best practices employed by other providers, as well as ongoing technical assistance and guidance.

Section 221 of this legislation supports the identification and dissemination of best practices to promote healthy childcare environments, nutrition quality, and physical development and activity opportunities for young children. I strongly encourage the Secretary, and in providing guidance to States, to ensure that costs associated with improving nutrition and wellness in childcare be given significant consideration before making any voluntary or required improvements to the nutrition quality of meals and snacks provided through the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

I urge the Secretary to ensure that providers have access to technical assistance and guidance that specifically addresses ways to improve the quality of meals and snacks without increasing costs. If the Secretary identifies that additional Federal support is necessary to ensure that reimbursable meals and snacks provided in the Child and Adult Care Food Program reflect current nutrition science, I urge the Secretary to provide Congress with legislative recommendations to ensure that this Program continues to meet the nutritional needs of young children.

ADEQUATE RESOURCES FOR QUALITY SCHOOL MEALS

School meal programs are funded through a long-standing partnership of Federal, State, local governments, and support from parents. This partnership has ensured the success of these programs and helped them remain financially solvent. However, a USDA study found that the average revenue collected for meals served to children not eligible for the

meal program equaled only about 81 percent of the federal reimbursement provided for free lunches.

I recognize that the Federal reimbursement for free meals is intended to cover, on average, the average costs of providing a reimbursable meal that meets the nutrition requirements. All children, however, regardless of whether they receive free, reduced price, or paid meals must have access to the same reimbursable meals. I am concerned that school food authorities often do not generate adequate supplemental revenue from non-Federal sources to cover the average costs of providing a reimbursable meal that meets the Federal nutrition requirements. As a result, many school food authorities must cut costs that compromise the quality, nutrition, taste, and service of school meals for all children. This undermines the intent of the Federal investment.

This legislation includes a provision, section 205, to ensure that school foodservice programs have adequate resources to provide nutritious meals that meet the minimum nutritional requirements and balance the budget at the end of the year. Section 205 requires that school districts account for revenue generated for the school lunch program from Federal and non-Federal sources, and if the district is generating an average revenue that is less than the Federal reimbursement for a free school meal, then the district must increase the average price across the district by (a) the margin of difference; or (b) no more than 10 cents, whichever is less.

This provision does not require school food authorities to raise school meal prices and it does not penalize families who must pay for their school meal. School districts retain the authority to establish local prices for paid meals and it is up to the school district to determine how to ensure there is adequate revenues to support the foodservice program in the school, based on the parameters established in this provision. Furthermore, this provision does not require that a school district charge the same price or generate the same revenue for each lunch served in each school. Schools and school districts retain local authority to determine prices, to generate adequate revenue, and to manage their programs to best meet their needs. I feel that this provision will offer schools greater flexibility in operating a high quality school nutrition program.

I urge the Secretary to provide guidance to school foodservice, school districts, and school administrators on all options for increasing non-Federal revenue. Options include, but are not limited to, local contributions, increasing State-level contributions, and generating revenue through greater use of school foodservice equipment. Schools should account for all revenue and exhaust all other revenue options prior to raising the prices charged to households with children not eligible for free or reduced price meals.

I am concerned that raising the price of a school lunch can place a burden on some households and about the impact that higher prices may have on participation. Participation in the school lunch program by children from all income levels is critical to ensuring that the school meal programs promote the health and well-being of all children, not just low-income children. I urge the Secretary to make the importance of participation a priority when promulgating regulations to implement section

205 and ensure that implementation does not negatively impact children's access to the program.

I also further request that the Secretary provide the Committee on Education and Labor and the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee in the Senate, annual reports describing implementation and an assessment of any consequences or impact from implementation. These reports should also include any recommendations for administrative or legislative adjustments to the policy, if necessary.

PROTECTING STUDENTS PRIVACY AND REDUCING STIGMA OF PARTICIPATION IN THE CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

The school environment has an important influence on children's behavior and their choices, which can strongly impact their health and wellbeing. The cafeteria and food service setting, such as the display of foods, the integration of reimbursable school meals with foods sold outside of the reimbursable meal programs, and methods of payment can result in the unintentional identification of children by their household income status, or in social stigma for receiving reimbursable meals.

Children should be able to participate in the child nutrition programs with dignity and without consequence of social stigma. Currently, the Richard. B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires that school food authorities ensure children eligible for free or reduced price school meals are not overtly identified as low-income by their participation in the school meal programs. I am concerned, however, that the current guidance to school districts to ensure that children participating in the school meal programs are not overtly identified is not keeping up with the modern school food environment.

Section 143 of this legislation requires the Secretary to review local policies on meal charges and the provision of alternate meals for compliance with requirements for preventing overt identification. I urge the Secretary to also include in the review an examination of the design of the school foodservice area, the methods for conducting payment transactions, and policies for providing reimbursable meals to children from households with outstanding debt to identify ways in which these practices may result in a negative social or nutritional impact on children.

There are increasing examples of schools implementing policies to provide alternate reimbursable meals for children that lack sufficient resources to pay for the meal. I understand the critical importance of balancing school district and school foodservice budgets, and many schools are not in a position to cover the additional cost of offering meals at no charge to children who are not eligible for free reimbursable meals. However, I believe it is important for schools to establish thoughtful policies to address circumstances in which children lack sufficient resources to pay for school meals to ensure that these policies do not stigmatize children, and to ensure that children are not forced to go hungry because of situations outside of their control. For example, if a school has a policy to provide a different meal to children that lack sufficient resources to pay for a reimbursable meal, this practice can identify the child for having insufficient resources and can result in social stigma.

As part of this review, the Secretary should also identify ways in which the modern school food environment may inadvertently stigmatize

children or fail to protect their privacy. For example, there is concern that when school foodservice areas separate lines for children with cash for non-reimbursable food and meals and children selecting reimbursable meals into other lines, that children selecting a reimbursable meal may be identified as low-income or otherwise differentiated from children paying cash for food.

In addition to the review and follow up actions required under provision 143 of this legislation, I urge the Secretary to provide schools with technical assistance and guidance to prevent overt identification. Furthermore, I urge the Secretary to reinforce policies regarding meal charges and alternate meals with guidance to States and school districts regarding appropriate efforts to determine whether children of households in arrears for school meal program payments may be eligible for free or reduced price school meals. Finally, in addition to enhanced technical assistance and guidance, I urge the Secretary to enhance oversight of schools' compliance with requirements to prevent overt identification to ensure schools are taking the necessary steps to protect the privacy of children participating in the school meal programs.

CONCLUSION

I feel strongly that these provisions are critical to the robust reforms to improve access to the child nutrition programs to end child hunger, to improve the quality of these programs to curb childhood obesity, and to better protect the Federal investment.

I look forward to working with the Secretary upon passage of this legislation to ensure effective implementation of this important legislation.

Today, I am pleased to support the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

THE AMERICAN DREAM ACT

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to strongly urge my colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, to vote for the American Dream Act. This legislation provides conditional non-immigrant status to young individuals of college age who are eager to contribute to our nation's workforce, economy, and Armed Forces.

I personally want to thank the Coalition for Educational Opportunity at the University of Texas—Pan American, and the thousands of students, civil rights groups, and prominent education, business, and religious leaders who have fought tirelessly to pass the DREAM Act. In my congressional district, I want to recognize Alex Garrido and Dora Martinez, two courageous UTPA college students, who fasted for one week to express their support for the DREAM Act.

I am extremely grateful to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, the former Secretary of State Colin Powell, Carlos Gutierrez, former Secretary of Commerce, and many chancellors and many university presidents for underscoring the urgency of passing the DREAM Act.

As Subcommittee chairman for Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness,

I believe that our nation should encourage all students to succeed in school, particularly those students who are working hard and serving as role models to their peers. In the Rio Grande Valley of deep South Texas and across the country, DREAM act students are exceptional young men and women. Despite facing difficult circumstances, these students have excelled in school, and become valedictorians, AP scholars, and distinguished student leaders.

Our nation cannot afford to turn away these talented youth. In order to remain competitive in the global economy, our country must train a new generation of highly skilled STEM professionals—scientists, engineers, and mathematicians—to bolster scientific discovery and spur the technological innovation that our nation desperately needs. Above all, these students will help our nation meet its college completion goals.

Our Armed Forces need courageous service men and women to ensure our Nation's military readiness. Our schools need great teachers to help us close the achievement gap.

I urge my colleagues to vote for the DREAM Act and give these deserving students a chance to make meaningful contributions to our Nation's workforce, economy, military and civic life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 I missed roll-call votes 608, 609, 610. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on those rollcall votes.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHERIFF JOSEPH SPICUZZO

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sheriff Joseph Spicuzzo, a life long resident of Central New Jersey and an outstanding member of the community. Throughout his tenure, Sheriff Spicuzzo has contributed to labor organizations, made innovative improvements to the Sheriff's Department operations and enthusiastically dedicated his time to charitable organizations. Sheriff Spicuzzo will retire from his position after dedicating thirty years of service to the Middlesex County Sheriff's office. Today, I applaud Sheriff Spicuzzo, as his accomplishments should serve as an inspiration to us all.

Sheriff Spicuzzo has a long and accomplished political career. From 1976 to 1980, Mr. Spicuzzo served as Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, New Jersey. In April 1980, Mr. Spicuzzo was appointed Middlesex County Sheriff by Governor Brendan Byrne and completed an unexpired term. Since his appointment, Sheriff Spicuzzo has earned the respect and affection of his colleagues and constituents. He worked particularly well with the

members of the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders as, together, they addressed a wide variety of issues affecting the County and its residents. Sheriff Spicuzzo's sincerity and concern for his constituents was apparent, as he consistently worked to improve services, and insured that the public was treated with dignity and respect. He has also been a tireless supporter of local law enforcement as well as State and Federal agencies. During his tenure, Sheriff Spicuzzo has been instrumental in implementing specialized programs including DWI checkpoints and "Operation Spinal Cord". Foreclosure property listings have also been published on the internet in advance, informing and assisting the County and its residents. Sheriff Spicuzzo's thirty years of service to the County Sheriff's Department is an example of unwavering commitment and devotion.

In addition to his role as Sheriff Mr. Spicuzzo has also served as Spotswood Democratic Municipal Chairman and Middlesex County Chairman. In his capacity as Middlesex County Chairman, he led the Middlesex County Democrats toward electoral success and increased the number of minority and women elected officials in the county.

Before entering politics, Sheriff Spicuzzo's background included extensive involvement with various labor organizations. Influenced by both his grandfather and father, Mr. Spicuzzo began as a member of the Laborer's Union Local 156 in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He also served as Business Agent for Local 196, International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers. His passion and history with these organizations continues to reflect in his daily and political activities.

Sheriff Spicuzzo is well-known for his compassionate and charitable contributions. Specifically, he has been commended for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Middlesex County Heart Association, most notably during radio station WCTC annual telethon. He has also offered his services to the March of Dimes, National Cancer Association, American Red Cross, United Jewish Appeal, B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League and the Salvation Army.

As a result of his actions, Sheriff Spicuzzo was the recipient of the 1996 Hubert M. Humphrey Friend of Labor Award. He has also been honored with the 1980 "Outstanding Young Man of America" Award, the 1992 George Otowski Citizen's League "Man of the Year" Award, the March of Dimes "Franklin Award", the Salvation Army "OTHERS" Award and was honored by the American Heart Association. Sheriff Spicuzzo currently resides in Helmetta with his wife, Mary Ann. He also has two children, JoAnn and Charlie, daughter-in-law Denise and two grandsons, Joey and Dominic.

Madam Speaker, please join me in acknowledging Sheriff Spicuzzo's thirty years of service as Middlesex County Sheriff. His dedication and commitment are positive examples of what steadfast determination and allegiance can accomplish.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I was unable to participate in rollcall vote No. 609. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on H. Res. 1642, Recognizing the centennial of the City of Lilburn, Georgia, and supporting the goals and ideals of a City Lilburn Day. This year the City of Lilburn celebrated its centennial anniversary and I am proud to honor its history.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I was detained from voting on Tuesday, December 7. If present, I would have voted yea on the following rollcall votes: rollcall 608, rollcall 609, and rollcall 610.

HONORING DONALD L. CARCIERI

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Donald L. Carcieri, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, for his remarkable leadership in the Ocean State. Governor Carcieri will conclude his second term as Governor in January after serving two incredible terms. His record of public service and advocacy for the people of Rhode Island is simply unmatched.

Governor Carcieri was inaugurated as Rhode Island's 57th Governor on January 7, 2003. A native Rhode Island resident, his election followed a career in business that was capped with his tenure as Chief Executive Officer of Cookson America and Joint Managing Director of Cookson Group Worldwide. He retired from that position in 1997.

Governor Carcieri, born December 16, 1942, was the first of Nicola and Marguerite Carcieri's five children. The family lived in East Greenwich where Nicola Carcieri was a beloved teacher and coach at the town high school. As a family man with four children and fourteen grandchildren, ten of whom live in Rhode Island, Governor Carcieri has always taken an active interest in what is going on in his community and the state.

Governor Carcieri has been instrumental in preserving the historic face of Providence: at his urging, the former Providence train station became the headquarters of Cookson America. The company offices overlooked Burnside Park on one side and the Rhode Island State House on the other. He exhibited unwavering leadership during the tragic Station nightclub fire and during the state's disastrous floods.

He memorialized Rhode Island's heroes who fell during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I wish Don all the best in his future endeavors. He will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with him.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS' AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th anniversary of a program that has truly served this Nation well: the Federal Home Loan Banks' Affordable Housing Program, AHP. The AHP is funded by contributions of 10 percent of the Federal Home Loan Banks' net income. The AHP represents the largest, single source of private sector grants for housing and community development in the country targeted at underserved segments of the market. The Federal Home Loan Banks have distributed nearly \$4 billion in AHP funds since the program's initiation in 1990.

The AHP is a flexible source of grants and loans designed to help community-based lending institutions and their community partners develop affordable owner-occupied and rental housing for very low- to moderate-income families and individuals. Applicants are encouraged to leverage their awards with other funding sources, including conventional loans, government-supported financing, tax-credit equity, foundation grants, and bond financing.

The Federal Home Loan Banks' affordable housing funds are a significant driver of job growth, housing production, and expanded tax bases, according to a research study recently completed by The Hendrickson Company and The Shimberg Center for Housing Studies at the University of Florida. The study sought to quantify the "ripple effect" of AHP dollars in employment, broader development spending, and growth of municipal tax bases. By creating more jobs and building tax bases, as well as developing affordable housing, AHP funds are having a unique and very positive economic impact that goes far beyond the units AHP helps fund or the dollars AHP awards, researchers found.

Created by Congress in 1932, the Federal Home Loan Banks are 12 regional banks, cooperatively owned and used by financial institutions serving America's communities to finance housing and economic development. More than 8,000 lenders are members of the Federal Home Loan Bank System, representing approximately 80 percent of America's insured lending institutions. The Federal Home Loan Banks and their members have been the largest and most reliable source of funding for community lending for nearly eight decades.

As Congress turns to housing finance reform next year, I strongly encourage returning and new Members of Congress to consider the successes of the Federal Home Loan Bank System and seek to only build upon them in crafting a stronger, more stable housing finance system in the United States for generations to come.

JACKIE KENDALL AND STEVE
MAX: CELEBRATING LIFETIMES
OF ACHIEVEMENT

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate two extraordinary individuals: Jackie Kendall and Steve Max. This week, they will receive the 2010 Midwest Academy Lifetime Achievement award, in recognition of their decades of work on behalf of economic and social justice.

Jackie and Steve will continue their work in the years to come, but they have already accomplished so much. It is not just their own lifetimes that deserve to be honored, it is the impact that they have had on thousands of other lifetimes. Through their work at the Midwest Academy—a non-profit training organization that teaches organizing skills—they have empowered tens of thousands of individuals who have gone on to make tangible improvements in their communities, our country and the world.

My dear friend Jackie Kendall has been the executive director of the Midwest Academy for 29 years. She is retiring this year from that position. I know she is looking forward to spending time with her fabulous husband, Jerry, and her children and grandchildren. But I cannot imagine Jackie sitting by quietly when she sees problems that need solving nor can I imagine that those who have come to rely on her for strategic guidance will let her alone.

Jackie is one of the most passionate and most creative people I know. I first met Jackie in the grocery store near my home in 1969. The butcher was red-faced and yelling at her and a few other women who had the audacity to ask him the age of the meat he was selling. His answer was, "Go shop somewhere else, or I'll throw you out on your fannies, you geeks." This seemed unacceptable, though quite exciting, to me, so I went to find out. I immediately became involved in this housewives' campaign to get freshness dates on food, and immediately fell in love with Jackie Kendall. The rest is history. Dates on food products are nearly universal and Jackie Kendall went on to organize and inspire many, many more successful campaigns.

At the Midwest Academy, Jackie has had a partner in Steve Max, a denizen of the upper West Side of New York City, who helped get the Midwest Academy started in 1973. Working with Heather and Paul Booth, he helped design the original training curriculum—which includes the famous Midwest Academy strategy chart. Steve's clear economic analyses—peppered with the lessons he learned from his rabbi and shares with his listeners—have educated, inspired and entertained generations of activists.

Steve Max quite deservedly has a fan base across the country. He has worked with students and seniors, patients and scientists, with New Yorkers and Nebraskans, Pennsylvanians and Arizonans. Steve brings to his work not just an in-depth understanding of historic and macroeconomic forces but an ability to understand very local and distinctive concerns and problems, all seasoned with a unique and hilarious sense of humor. With those talents, he is able to craft specific strategies that work locally and globally.

Jackie and Steve have given individuals and organizations the skills and the confidence needed to make a difference in people's lives. They recognize that in today's world it is not always easy to take on powerful interests or to understand how large and complicated entities can be challenged successfully. The Midwest Academy was founded on the principle that—given the right training and tools—individuals can come together and build power. Over the years, they have trained student groups fighting for affordable tuition, seniors opposed to Social Security privatization, and rural groups eager to develop wind power.

In those and so many other efforts, Jackie, Steve and the Midwest Academy give people the tools they need to effectively participate in their communities and their government.

Jackie and Steve are true fighters for progressive change. They have built a foundation that will stand for generations to come.

HONORING CHIEF MASTER SGT. RICHARD L. ETCHBERGER

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. POMEROY. Madam Speaker, all of us have observed from time to time wounded heroes in uniform and with their loving families being guided through our Capitol by an energetic tour guide. I know we all appreciate the efforts made to reach out to those who are healing from the wounds of war and recognize them with these very trips to our Capitol.

The tour guide responsible for these visits is Albert Casswell and as I've come to know him, I have been deeply impressed by his commitment to those who have served our country.

This fall I asked Mr. Casswell to provide a tour for the family members of Chief Master Sergeant Richard Etchberger during the week Chief Etchberger was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism in service to our country.

During the Vietnam War he acted bravely to save the lives of his fellow airmen resulting in the tragic loss of his own life.

Mr. Casswell was moved as I was moved by meeting this wonderful family and learning the story of Chief Etchberger. He not only provided an exceptional tour for the family, he authored a poem in honor of Chief Etchberger and has inquired as to whether it was appropriate to include in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I offer the poem of Mr. Casswell in appreciation of all he has done to help our soldiers and for his obvious concern for them and their families.

SOME THINGS, TIME CAN NOT ERASE

Some things, Time Can Not Erase
Some things, time can not erase. . . .
Some things, so high above all others are so placed. . . .
A place of Honor, and of most amazing grace!
That which brings such tears to our Lord's face. . . .
That which makes the Angels up on high. . . .
So begin to cry!
All in your most selfless sacrifice. . . .
To give up one's fine life. . . .
For no other gift so burns so bright!
Yes, Some things hold such a hallowed place. . . .

As to what new heights a soul can race. . . .
All in the darkness of most evil war . . . as
when most courageous heart so soared!
That Heaven so insured. . . .
But, a place up on high . . . but with our
Lord. . . .
Oh yes Richard, all in your Magnificent
Honor In Death. . . .
All in that moment of truth, as when your
fine heart so began to crest!
All In Valor, All In Honor and All In Most
Selfless Death. . . .
As into that darkness, you so bravely
marched off but to give your very
best. . . .
As out into a future, all of those lives that
you have so blessed. . . .
And what child may so come, from all of the
lives that you helped to save
my son. . . .
That may one day so Save The World, as Thy
Will Be Done!
Because, Some things Time Can Not So
Erase. . . .
For The Truth, Will. . . . Will Out All In The
End, All In Honor's Place!
And Such Magnificent Patriots as you, who
have so made these here United States!
For all of them and their families, Heaven so
holds a place!
For all of those fine sons who had to cry, and
ask why did daddy die?
And that lovely wife, who lost her best friend
that night. . . .
And all of those tearful Christmases not by
their sides. . . .
As all of those most swollen tear drops they
all so cried!
And those beloved parents, whose great pain
shall never die, and never end. . . .
And his Brothers, who but lost their best
friend. . . .
Because, Some things. . . . Time Can Not So
Erase!
Only when reunited in Heaven once again,
will this pain so end this weight. . . .
So wipe all of those tears from your most
swollen eyes!
For your lost love who now so up in Heaven
as so resides, take comfort in this real-
ized!
For Richard, your fine life was such a Tour
de Force. . . .
As you so shined, so magnificently, so bril-
liantly. . . . so valiantly as you went
forth!
All In Honor and Death, all in that uniform
of The United States Air Force you
soared!
As a great American Hero, you will ever live
on evermore!
"Welcome Home, My Son. . . ."
For Richard, new wings upon you are
worn. . . .
As An Angel In The Army of Our Lord. . . .
To watch over us evermore. . . .
As this day, we present to you. . . . The
Medal of Honor, and to all your loved
ones. . . .
Because, Some things. . . . Time Can Not
Erase!

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK HATCH FOR HIS SERVICE AS A CONGRES- SIONAL FELLOW

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. OLVER. Madam Speaker, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development will bid farewell next week to Patrick Hatch, who

has served as the Subcommittee's Congressional Fellow over the past year. Mr. Hatch will return to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, where he will continue to perform budget and oversight work, taking with him the extraordinary talents and insight he shared with the Subcommittee.

The Transportation Subcommittee was very fortunate to have Patrick as a part of the Subcommittee team this year. He did an outstanding job serving as a valuable member of our housing policy team, researching a variety of housing and transportation issues, preparing hearing and briefing materials, and managing the thousands of project requests that were submitted to the Subcommittee during the fiscal year 2011 appropriations process. In addition, Patrick had lead staff responsibility for oversight of the budgets of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Inspector General, Access Board, and Federal Maritime Commission.

Patrick's attention to detail, strong work ethic and excellent sense of humor set a high standard for the Subcommittee. His tremendous commitment to public service was evident in how he continually went above and beyond the call of duty by taking on additional assignments and working long hours to assist his Subcommittee colleagues and ensure a high quality piece of legislation. In every task, Patrick brought a sense of professionalism and passion to his work, and was a pleasure to work with, no matter how late the hour. Everyone who interacted with him during his service to the Subcommittee was greeted with a smile and a kind word, which is extraordinary, considering the difficult tasks and situations he dealt with each day.

I am profoundly grateful for Patrick's service to the Subcommittee over the past 12 months and I am confident that he will go on to achieve great things at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. I, along with my Subcommittee staff, wish Patrick all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING PHILIP JOHNSTON

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Philip Johnston, Chair of the Board of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial, for his stewardship in the opening of the Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools Complex in Los Angeles, California on September 13, 2010. Named after U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy, my uncle, the schools are devoted to social justice. Phil's work on behalf of the young people of Los Angeles is simply remarkable.

The 24-acre, \$578 million schools complex on Wilshire Boulevard consists of six different schools for grades kindergarten to 12, with more than 4,000 students, the vast majority of them from Latino and low-income neighborhoods. Philip, 85, was a driving force behind the project, which was fraught with obstacles from the start, including Donald Trump's plans

to build five towers at the site, one of them 125 stories tall. Later, Wal-Mart wanted to put a store there.

Senator Kennedy's commitment to social justice is evident throughout the campus with murals, quotations and similar exhibits.

Originally designed as a large, comprehensive K-12 school that would house more than 2,400 students, the school district determined in 2008 that the facility would host wall-to-wall pilot schools, which opened this fall. Pilot schools are innovative small schools that have charter-like autonomy over their budget, curriculum and assessment, governance, schedule and staffing, but are part of the public school system.

Among the new school's many features is a 500-seat auditorium and café at the site of the old Coconut Grove nightclub, built adjacent to the hotel in the 1920s, where LA's rich and famous would go to party. Howard Hughes was a regular there and several Academy Awards events were held there during the 1930s.

Groundbreaking on the new schools took place four years ago.

Phil has been instrumental in the improvement of public education in Los Angeles. I wish him all the best as he continues his important work on behalf of young people. He will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with him.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID NOLAN

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, David Nolan, founder of the Libertarian Party and creator of the "Nolan Chart" that inspired the "World's Smallest Political Quiz" passed away on November 21. I join freedom activists around the country in mourning his loss and celebrating his life.

Like many libertarians of his generation, David's initial interest in the freedom philosophy was inspired by the novels of Ayn Rand and Robert Heinlein. During the sixties, David was involved in Students for Goldwater and Young Americans for Freedom (YAF). David was also involved with the Liberty Amendment Committee, which worked to pass an amendment to the Constitution repealing the Sixteenth Amendment and restricting the powers of the federal government to those explicitly granted it in the Constitution.

David was drawn to the Republican Party because of the limited government, pro-individual liberty themes of the Goldwater campaign—and like many others he was disappointed when the supposedly free-market administration of Richard Nixon embraced a policy of conservative Keynesianism. When Richard Nixon imposed wage-and-price controls and took the U.S. off the gold standard on August 11, 1971, David decided he could no longer support the Republican Party and, along with a group of other disillusioned ex-Goldwaterites, created the Libertarian Party.

David remained active in the Libertarian Party for the rest of his life. He even ran for

office several times on the Libertarian ticket, most recently just this year when he ran for Senate in Arizona. Despite the best efforts of David and others, the Libertarian Party has never been able to achieve major party status. I believe the main reason for this is the restrictive ballot access laws that force new and third parties to spend the majority of their time and resources getting on the ballot, thus leaving them with comparatively few resources to devote to actually campaigning and spreading their message. I continue to believe the American politics would benefit from reforming these ballot laws so third and independent parties and candidates could have greater ability to communicate their ideas to the American public.

Despite the obstacles of ballot access, the Libertarian Party has been successful in introducing millions of Americans to the ideas of liberty. It has also pushed the two major parties in a more libertarian direction. Thus, even those advocates of liberty who have chosen to work through the major parties to advance the freedom philosophy benefited from the David Nolan's work to advance liberty through the Libertarian Party.

David's work with the Libertarian Party was far from the sum total of his activism as he was involved in a variety of other pro-freedom organizations and projects. One of David's ideas was the genesis of the freedom movement's most successful outreach tool. In the early seventies, David reworked the traditional two-dimensional left-right political spectrum into a graph running from that favoring government involvement in both economic and personal affairs to those favoring complete liberty. In between were those favoring social freedom but not economy liberty (modern liberals) and those favoring economic freedom but favoring government intervention in personal matters (conservatives). In the 1980s, David's friend Marshall Fritz, the founder and President of the Advocates for Self Government, converted the Nolan Chart into the World's Smallest Political Quiz.

The quiz uses the Nolan Chart to graph an individual's political philosophy based on responses to a series of ten questions that measure one's commitment to economic and personal liberty. The quiz has been taken over 15 million times online, has been reprinted in dozens of newspapers and magazines, is referenced by major high school and college textbooks, and is used by educators in classrooms across America. The quiz is responsible for many people's first contact with libertarian ideas. As a board member of the Advocates for Self Government, David helped the organization popularize the quiz. He also assisted in numerous other projects by the Advocates designed to help activists in the freedom movement more effectively advocate the freedom philosophy.

Madam Speaker, David Nolan devoted his life to the cause of liberty, and helped build the freedom movement through his work with the Libertarian Party, the Advocates for Self Government, and many other organizations. I therefore join freedom lovers across the country in extending my sincere condolences to David Nolan's family and his many friends.

HONORING ADAM AUKAMP AND ALL STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF MEMBERS OF WEST CREEK HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR HELPING AFGHANISTAN STUDENTS

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the students, teachers, and staff members of West Creek Hills Elementary School, located in my Congressional District, for a very successful school supply drive for students in Afghanistan. In particular, I want to recognize 4th grader Adam Shea Aukamp for bringing the idea to West Creek Hills' Principal, Steve Yanni, and helping to organize the drive.

Adam came up with the idea for the school supply drive after reading a story in a newspaper for children that focused on U.S. troops serving in Afghanistan. The story highlighted how many Afghan children do not have enough school supplies, such as pencils, pens, crayons, etc. Adam decided he wanted to collect supplies to help Afghan children. Adam's mother, Barbara Sheaffer, contacted the Pennsylvania National Guard and connected with a colonel stationed in Afghanistan. The colonel learned through an interpreter that backpacks were also needed. Adam added this to his list.

Adam wrote a letter to his fellow students asking them to support the project and donate supplies. He and a few friends, including Drew Roman, Wesley Marshall, Jacob Doll, and Nicholas Minnich, created some posters and placed them around the school. They also visited classrooms to promote the project. Adam made announcements over the school's intercom system, first announcing the project, and then providing updates on the donation progress.

The drive lasted from November 8 through November 19, 2010. In the end, the school collected: 12 pencil boxes, 37 backpacks, 113 notebooks and writing tablets, 139 crayon boxes, 343 pens, and, 1,577 pencils.

Once again, congratulations to Adam Aukamp and all members of the West Creek Hills Elementary School community. Their efforts are an inspiration to all Americans and stand as a wonderful testament to the unparalleled generosity of our Nation's citizens, young and old.

A TRIBUTE TO ELISHA ACKIE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Elisha Ackie.

Elisha Ackie is one of those members of our society who has always been committed to our community's needs and dedicated to helping others; she is a songbird of religious verses and music, who celebrates that the Lord is her Shepherd.

Elisha Ackie was born on December 14, 1903 in Carriacou, Grenada, West Indies and

migrated to New York in 1988. She is the proud mother of Jean Ackie, grandmother of two and great-grandmother of eight and great-great-grandmother of two. Her long life is a testament to her legacy of family values and inter-generational family commitment. Even on the dawn of her 107th birthday, she continues to bring her family together for occasional dinners and gatherings.

Elisha Ackie is commended for adding joy and flavor to our 10th Congressional District in New York. She is also celebrated for the many stylish hats that adorn her beautiful face. This role model of work ethic, family life and sharing of daily bread will most certainly ensure that upcoming generations of her family, and those whose lives they touch, will continue to be fruitful members of our American society.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Elisha Ackie.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND CARNELL HAMPTON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute a spiritual and community leader as he retires from the ministry. Reverend Carnell Hampton has been a tremendous light in Clarendon County during his 45 years at Melina Presbyterian Church and his daily guidance will be sorely missed.

Reverend Hampton grew up in the Mayesville community of Sumter County, and graduated from the historic Goodwill Paracholal School. He chose to return close to home following his graduation from seminary at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina to serve at Melina Presbyterian Church. He built the church into the center of the Gable community, expanding its membership and its missions. He has lived next door to the church and been an active member of the community throughout his career. Over his more than four decades in the ministry, Reverend Hampton has made innumerable contributions to the community, the state, the Presbytery, the Synod and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

I want to personally thank Reverend Hampton for his friendship and support. Just six weeks after my election to Congress in 1992, he and the Melina Presbyterian Church Family welcomed me into their worship service and congratulated me on behalf of the community. His care and concern for the community extends beyond the church walls, and he let me know he expected me to represent the community well. I have worked hard to meet his expectations.

Reverend Hampton is married to Carrie Edwards a native of Spartanburg, South Carolina and the couple has one son Jermaine Carnell, a daughter-in-law Hollie, and two grandchildren Nathan and August.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Reverend Hampton on his retirement. He has touched countless lives and left an indelible mark on this community. His service to Clarendon County and the Presbyterian Church will be long remembered, and hard to replace. I offer my best wishes as he enters this new phase

of his life, and know that he will continue to be an important part of the community.

SO BRILLIANT, THIS, IN HONOR OF A FALLEN HERO, SGT. JESSE MICHAEL BALTHASER, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, 3RD MARINE COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart, at the loss of one of America's and Ohio's best, Sergeant Jesse Balthaser of Hilltop, of The United States Marine Corps, 1st Marine Division, 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion. Heroically, Sergeant Balthaser died when he stepped on an IED on September 4th during a fire fight in Helmand province, Afghanistan. This magnificent young man has done several tours in both Iraq and Afghanistan. He was getting ready to come home in November to witness the birth of his first child, already named Regan Michael, in December to Erin McSweeney his girl friend and future wife. Words can not ease their pain, and of that his parents Richard and Nancy Balthaser who have now lost their only child in service to our country. Our prayers and our thoughts go out to them in this time of such sorrow. Our nation owes a great debt to all the families and their loved ones of the Armed Forces, who teach us, That freedom, surely is not free. Bless them all.

So Brilliant, This

So . . .

So Brilliant This!

As is, as was Jesse's gift!

That Last Full Measure! That Oh So Such Golden Treasure!

As all in his short lifetime defined . . .

Of One's Life, As Is This . . . So Brilliant, in time . . .

While, all in the darkness of war . . .

While, all in a heart and soul . . . of such faith to insure . . .

To insure our freedom, but, bought and paid for!

Yes Jesse, but with your most precious life! Oh yes you Jesse, so shone with your most brilliant light . . .

All in your magnificent shades of green . . .

As there you were, our son so bravely seen!

Oh yes, you United States Marine!

Where Strength In Honor, So Convenes!

As so gallantly, you so ventured forth . . .

All out upon death's course . . .

As for us, you walked through The Valley of Death . . .

With a heart of courage full, and clenched fist!

As America's Son! As on high, as your courage crested!

As all for God and Country, your most courageous heart could not so be stilled!

And your United States Marines, Ohio's Best as you moved onward still!

As our nation with your sacred sacrifice, all of ours lives have so blessed!

As a Mother and a Father cries, as their only son has died . . .

As for them, we now so weep . . . deep down in hearts, so very deep!

As a future wife's, great love has been lost . . .

And their new child to be born out of love, will bare the cost . . .

But, hush little baby don't you cry!

Because, one day up in Heaven you will look into your fine Father's eyes!
 And Jesse, on this night as your loved ones lay their heads down to sleep . . .
 Out across Columbus, but comes a gentle rain . . . that which so weeps . . .
 So Weeps, Our Lords tears . . . falling down from Heaven so very deep . . .
 All in his love for you, and your most brilliant gift . . .
 And for your heartbroken family so very deep!
 To ease their pain . . .
 And in the coming years, we will see you . . . all in our tears . . .
 All in your beautiful child of love, most beautiful face . . . so very dear!
 So Brilliant, This!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast the recorded votes for rollcall 608, 609, and 610. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" for these measures:

Rollcall No. 608—H.R. 6400—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass.

Rollcall No. 609—H. Res. 1642—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass.

Rollcall No. 610—H. Res. 1264—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. ALLAN W. PURDY

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Allan Purdy who dedicated his life to removing financial barriers to higher education.

His unprecedented devotion and leadership in making college education more affordable to all students will be remembered down through the ages. As a strong supporter of affordable higher education, I applaud Purdy's bold endeavor in ensuring that all students are assisted in achieving their higher education goals.

Purdy was the founding president of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and helped create the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority, spending 20 years serving on MOHELA's board of directors.

He truly believed in putting the best interest of the students first. He worked to implement borrower benefit programs including loan forgiveness and low interest rates. I admire his tenacity and determination in that he played a key role in supporting and organizing student aid programs in which thousands of Missourians benefit.

On October 14th, we lost a great education pioneer. Now is the time that, we must work together to ensure that Allan Purdy's legacy and commitment to serving students continues and that we work toward providing equal opportunities to students.

Purdy will be forever remembered for his unwavering allegiance to building financial aid

programs that would serve all students despite the college they choose.

HONORING FRANK HOWARD ALLEN REALTORS

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Frank Howard Allen Realtors, which this year is celebrating its 100th anniversary of service in the San Francisco Bay Area. For a century now, Frank Howard Allen has remained a family-owned, locally operated brokerage characterized by a unique commitment to the people in our region. We have all been fortunate to benefit from its long history of economic and community development.

Frank Howard Allen Realtors, the namesake of its founder, was established in Marin County in 1910 as a small company focused on local service. By the 1960s, the company had expanded to four offices and over forty salespeople, and ownership was transferred to another family with strong local ties. It has remained in that family's care ever since and is now owned by CEO Larry Brackett and his wife Brennie Brackett. Under the Bracketts' leadership, Frank Howard Allen has continued its steady growth into Marin County's largest brokerage by market share, and it has expanded its strong presence in Sonoma and Napa Counties. From a small, independent company, Frank Howard Allen has become one of our major employers, with over 600 agents in more than 20 offices across the North Bay.

But even as it has grown into an important regional player, Frank Howard Allen has remained invested in our communities and deeply rooted in its origins. Because of the Bracketts' efforts, the company has been instrumental in developing the Marin Workforce Housing Trust, a unique public-private partnership that provides funding for critically necessary low-income and special-needs housing. Frank Howard Allen has also played an active and conscientious role in our public life, providing assistance to organizations serving our population in countless ways. By matching its agents' donations from closed escrows, Frank Howard Allen has been a consistent supporter of our North Bay schools, clinics, parks, museums, food banks, and other nonprofit organizations serving local people and our natural environment. Most recently, the brokerage sponsored its own giving programs aimed at providing food and clothing to those in need over the holiday season.

Frank Howard Allen has also been the recipient of a number of business awards, not only for its approach to clients and the community, but also for its treatment of workers. In 2010, Frank Howard Allen was honored by the North Bay Business Journal as one of the region's best places to work, and readers of the Pacific Sun voted it the region's best real estate brokerage. Frank Howard Allen also carried its category in NorthBay Biz, making this the eighth consecutive year it has won that magazine's highest accolades.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Frank Howard Allen Realtors for its

long standing work in our region, and in wishing it every success in its second century. The company's economic and philanthropic contributions to our communities are a model of the kind of business that makes the North Bay a vibrant and unique place to live.

A TRIBUTE TO LAUREN HAMMOND

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sacramento City Councilwoman Lauren Hammond, as she steps down from the Sacramento City Council after 14 years of honorable service. As her colleagues, friends and family gather to commemorate her many years of service to the people of Sacramento, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Councilwoman Hammond's leadership and lasting impact on the City of Sacramento.

Councilwoman Hammond is a Sacramento native; she grew up in Land Park and attended McClatchy High School, the same high school as my late husband Robert Matsui. After high school, she continued her higher education in Sacramento, graduating from Sacramento City College and the California State University, Sacramento where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Government.

After graduation from Sacramento State, Lauren began her distinguished career in public service by working 22 years for the California State Senate. While with the Senate, she has served as a Telecommunications Contract Administrator and as the Senate's Coordinator for the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In 1997, Lauren ran for Sacramento's City Council. She won the special election in to become the first African-American woman elected to the City Council. As a City Councilwoman, she put her skills as a long-time community leader and neighborhood activist to work, focusing on working families and ensuring that the City of Sacramento is run efficiently. In her work, she concentrated on improving her district by ensuring safe walkways to schools and expanding youth services. She tackled citywide concerns such as youth empowerment, accessible health care for all, predatory lending and implementing smart growth policies. She has also helped revitalize Sacramento's Oak Park neighborhood, as well as lead the efforts to improve the Broadway, Stockton Boulevard and Franklin Boulevard corridors in order to make those areas more business friendly. She has worked tirelessly to make Sacramento a better place to live and do business.

Councilwoman Hammond's duties kept her busy, as she served on numerous boards of local government agencies. Some of these include the governing bodies of the Sacramento Area Sewer District, the Sacramento Transportation Authority, the Downtown Sacramento Revitalization Corporation, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, the Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority Board, the Regional Transit District and Paratransit Inc. She also served as the Chairwoman of the City's Law and Legislation Committee.

Madam Speaker, as Councilwoman Hammond's family, friends and colleagues gather

to honor her for her service to the people of Sacramento, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting her for helping make Sacramento a great place to live, work and play.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, I was not present for three recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way:

Roll No. 608—"yea."

Roll No. 609—"yea."

Roll No. 610—"yea."

TRIBUTE TO LOIS J. CARSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and pay tribute to an individual from my Congressional District for her 30 years of outstanding service to the community of Riverside, California. Lois J. Carson has served as Executive Director of the Community Action Partnership (CAP) of Riverside County for 30 years. After three decades of service, Lois will retire at the end of December and I thank her for years of dedicated public service. In her honor, a grateful city has declared December 14, 2010, as "Lois J. Carson Day."

In July 1980, Lois was first appointed by the Board of Supervisors as the first Executive Director of CAP of Riverside County, then known as the Department of Community Action. For 30 years CAP has worked toward reducing poverty in Riverside County. In 2005 and under Lois' direction, Riverside received the National Community Action Partnership's Award for Excellence, to date the only Community Action Agency (CAA) in California, and the only public CAA in the nation, to receive this award.

Lois has been recognized as an innovator who always worked diligently on behalf of the city and in her role with CAP. Through the years CAP has touched the lives of thousands of low-income residents in Riverside, helping them gain footing through programs such as Individual Development Accounts, Building Links to Impact Self-Sufficiency (Project B.L.I.S.S.), Earned Income Tax Credit, and Weatherization and Access to Assets.

Lois has received numerous awards recognizing her accomplishments, including being named a "Distinguished Alumnus" by California State University, San Bernardino and by the University of California, Riverside. She was also a first year recipient of the Riverside YWCA "Woman of Achievement" award. In addition, Lois was named the Fair Housing Council of Riverside County's "Champion of Justice," honored with the Business Press' "Leader of Distinction" award; named a 2001

Papal Medalist; earned the Woman of the Year for the 62nd Assembly District; awarded the 2007 Lyndon Baines Johnson "Human Services Award" which is highest honor of the National Community Action Partnership; and was named the 2009 "Spirit of the Entrepreneur" Award from Social Entrepreneur.

She also served as a trustee for the San Bernardino Community College District for 24 years during which time she was named "Top Trustee in the U.S." in 1991 by the Association of Community College Trustees. She remains an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, National Council of Negro Women and is a Black Future Leaders mentor. She is also the longest serving member of the Riverside County Workforce Investment Board.

Lois' tireless passion for community and public service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. I am proud to call Lois a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for her service and salute her as she retires.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR S. 3250

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, attached is a amended support letter for S. 3250 which passed the House on Wednesday, December 1, 2010. A previous copy was submitted for the RECORD.

HIGH-PERFORMANCE BUILDING CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS COALITION,

December 3, 2010.

Re Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act of 2010.

RUSS CARNAHAN,
Washington, DC.

JUDY BIGGERT,
Washington, DC.

THOMAS CARPER,
Washington, DC.

SUSAN COLLINS,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVES CARNAHAN AND BIGGERT AND SENATORS CARPER AND COLLINS: As the leading organizations involved in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of buildings, we applaud your continued efforts to improve our Nation's buildings. Thank you for your leadership and vision in the development and passage of H.R. 5112 and S. 3250, "Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act of 2010."

As you know, Congress and the President have established stringent goals for Federal agencies to achieve reductions in energy and water use and greenhouse gas emissions. Agencies also have additional needs related to other high-performance building attributes, including safety and security. Achieving these goals requires personnel engaged in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of federal buildings to have the appropriate skills and training.

Federal agencies have long been looked to as an example of what can be done within the built environment. As the Nation's largest holder of real estate, the Federal government has the opportunity and resources to influence the development and implementation of building design, construction, operations and maintenance tools, technologies and practices. Federal buildings should serve

as public showcases and leading examples of energy efficiency and indoor environmental quality (IEQ) through their design, construction, equipment, and operations and maintenance.

As both public and private sector buildings become increasingly complex to meet our Nation's energy and environmental goals, personnel with the necessary competencies will be critical to achieving these goals. The undersigned organizations, thank you for your leadership on this legislation and are poised to provide the necessary training to achieve both public and private sector goals.

We look forward to continued work with you in realizing the full potential of high-performance buildings.

Sincerely,

National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS); American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE); International Facility Management Association (IFMA); National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA); U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC); International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO); Federation of American Scientists (FAS); National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); International Code Council (ICC); Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA); American Institute of Architects (AIA); Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance (SPFA); United Association—Union of Plumbers, Fitters, Welders and HVAC Service Techs; Green Mechanical Council; The Stella Group, Ltd.; Association for Facilities Engineering (AFE); Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA); National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE); BuildingInsight, LLC; American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC); Green Building Initiative (GBI); Ecobuild America/AEC Science & Technology, LLC; American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA); Air-conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI); National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRRC); Center for Environmental Innovation in Roofing (CEIR); The Radiant Panel Association; Carbon Monoxide Safety Association (COSA); Educational Standards Corporation Institute (ESCO Institute); HVAC Excellence; Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Association (AC&R); Federal Performance Contracting Coalition; Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC); National Insulation Association (NIA); InfoComm International; Building Intelligence Group; Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors—National Association, Inc. (SMACNA); Architecture 2030; LonMark International; Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI); American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE); BASF; EIFS Industry Members Association (EIMA); Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association (PHCC); Johnson Controls; APPA: Leadership in Educational Facilities; International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD); The Vinyl Institute; Illuminating Engineering Society (IES); DuPont; Brick Industry Association; Association of Energy Engineers (AEE); Siemens; Bentley Systems; International Association of Heat & Frost Insulators and Allied Workers; Delphi; Ingersoll Rand; Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC).

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL
ROBERT T. BRAY

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major General Robert T. Bray for his stewardship in Rhode Island's Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery Program—Priority to Veterans. His contributions have been vital to the success of this program. His work with this important issue is simply unmatched.

Rhode Island's Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery Program—Priority to Veterans addresses the needs of individuals with mental illness such as post traumatic stress disorder and trauma related disorders involved in the justice system. In recognition of the dramatically higher prevalence of trauma related disorders among veterans, this program prioritizes eligibility for veterans.

General Bray assumed the duties as The Adjutant General and the Commanding general of the Rhode Island National Guard on 17 February 2006. As The Adjutant General, he is responsible for the mission readiness of all Rhode Island National Guard units for both federal and state missions.

General Bray joined the South Dakota National Guard in December 1971. He received his commission as a Field Artillery officer through the South Dakota Military Academy in 1974. Prior to this assignment, General Bray served as the Deputy Commanding General, Army National Guard, United States Army Field Artillery Center, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In that capacity he served as the advisor to, and as the personal representative of, the Commanding General (CG) for all Army National Guard Field Artillery matters.

General Bray has been instrumental in advancing Rhode Island's correctional institutions. I wish him all the best as he continues his important work on behalf of our nation's heroes, our veterans. He will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with him.

**THANKING ROTARY FOR 105 YEARS
OF SERVICE**

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H. Res. 1727, a resolution recognizing Rotary International for 105 years of service to the world and commending its members on their dedication to the mission and principles of their organization. As the Representative of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois which is home to Rotary Club International, I want to personally thank them for the service and commitment to making the world a more humane place.

Madam Speaker, the Rotary Club's motto, "Service Above Self," is an inspiring example for all Americans. Rotarians not only preach this motto, they live it by developing commu-

nity service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence.

I would like to especially recognize Rotary for its 25-year long campaign for the global eradication of polio. Since 1985, Rotarians have raised close to a billion dollars to immunize the children of the world and have pledged to contribute an additional \$500 million to the cause. In addition to this generous financial contribution, Rotary has provided an army of volunteers to promote and assist at national immunization days in polio-endemic countries around the world.

Due in large part to Rotary's efforts, the number of polio cases has fallen dramatically. In 1985, there were 350,000 known cases of polio in 125 countries. Today, more than 200 countries are polio-free. There are only four endemic nations—Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan—the lowest in history.

I want to again thank Rotary International for its 105 years of service. There is no question that the world is a far better place today because of their tremendous work.

**IN RECOGNITION OF REV. DR.
DEFOREST SOARIES, JR.**

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rev. Dr. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr., a resident of Monmouth Junction, New Jersey and the Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset. Today, the church community gathers to celebrate Rev. Soaries' 20th Pastoral Anniversary. Rev. Soaries' pastoral ministry focuses on spiritual growth, educational excellence, economic empowerment and faith-based community development. His advocacy and dedication to members of the community are undoubtedly worthy of this body's recognition.

Rev. Soaries' experience and activism in college laid a solid foundation for his future success. As a college student, Rev. Soaries led a campaign against drug use on campus. He later advocated for civil rights issues as a community organizer for the Urban League. He was also served as a National Coordinator in Operation PUSH. Rev. Soaries earned a Bachelor's of Arts Degree from Fordham University, a Master's of Divinity Degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Doctorate of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary. He is also the recipient of six honorary Doctoral Degrees from various institutions.

Rev. Soaries is well known for being an active agent for change. He has guided members of the church and local community with financial education assistance and foreclosure prevention. Specifically, dfree is a program developed by Rev. Soaries to encourage participants to attain financial self-sufficiency. The dfree strategy teaches individuals to live without debt, within their means and pay their bills on time. As a result of his outstanding accomplishments, Rev. Soaries was the focus of the third installment of CNN's "Black in America" documentary "Almighty Debt." It aired on October 21, 2010. This documentary highlighted

three families from First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens who were facing difficult financial times as a result of issues including the recession, home foreclosure, unemployment and college tuition payments. In April 2007, Radio Talk Show Host Don Imus used racially insensitive language to describe the members of the Rutgers University Women's Basketball team. Rev. Soaries served as the mediator and facilitator between these two groups.

From January 12, 1999 to January 15, 2002, Rev. Soaries served as New Jersey's thirtieth Secretary of State. He was the first African-American male to serve in this position. In his capacity, he served as senior advisor to the Governor on a wide range of public policies that effect various departments and constituencies. In December 15, 2003, Rev. Soaries was appointed to serve as Chairman of the United States Election Assistance Commission. This commission was established by Congress to implement the "Help America Vote Act" of 2002. Rev. Soaries' leadership in these endeavors is worthy of our praise and commendation.

As a result of his exceptional work, Rev. Soaries was recently recognized by both houses of the New Jersey Legislature for his religious and community leadership. His work has also been featured in the New York Times, Ebony Magazine, Black Enterprise and Government Executive Magazine.

Madam Speaker, please join me in leading this body in congratulating Rev. Dr. DeForest Soaries, Jr., as the parishioners celebrate his 20th Pastoral Anniversary. Rev. Soaries and the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens are tremendously valued in my district and the State of New Jersey.

**CONGRATULATING LIU XIAOBO ON
NOBEL PEACE PRIZE**

SPEECH OF

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, the imprisonment of Liu Xiaobo is a personal tragedy, a national shame, and an international challenge. The answer is clear: Mr. Liu should be released immediately.

For his more than two decades of advocating for freedom of speech, assembly, religion, peaceful democratic reform, transparency and accountability in China, Mr. Liu is serving an eleven-year sentence in a Chinese prison for "inciting subversion of state power." Those in China, like Mr. Liu, who have penned thoughtful essays or signed Charter 08 seek to advance debate, as the Charter states, on "national governance, citizens' rights, and social development" consistent with their "duty as responsible and constructive citizens." Their commitment and contribution to their country must be recognized, as the Nobel Committee has done, and as we do today, and their rights must be protected.

The Chinese government has said that awarding the Nobel Prize to Liu Xiaobo "shows a lack of respect for China's judicial system." I would like to take a moment to examine this claim. For it seems to me that what truly showed a lack of respect for China's judicial system were the numerous and well-documented violations of Chinese legal protections

for criminal defendants that marred Mr. Liu's trial from the outset. I refer here to matters such as the failure of Chinese prosecutors adequately to consult defense lawyers, and the speed with which prosecutors acted in indicting Mr. Liu and bringing him to trial, effectively denying his lawyers sufficient time to review the state's evidence and to prepare for his defense. Chinese officials prevented Mr. Liu's wife from attending his trial, in which she had hoped to testify on behalf of her husband. Mr. Liu's lawyers reportedly were ordered by state justice officials not to grant interviews. It is these abuses committed by Chinese officials in China, not the actions of a committee in Oslo, that demonstrated "a lack of respect for China's judicial system."

All nations have the responsibility to ensure fairness and transparency in judicial proceedings. The effective implementation of basic human rights and the ability of all people in China to live under the rule of law depend on careful attention to, and transparent compliance with, procedural norms and safeguards that meet international standards. I serve as Cochairman of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China (CECC). The Commission's Political Prisoner Database, which is available to the public on-line via the Commission's web site, www.cecc.gov, contains information on thousands of political prisoners in China. These are individuals who have been imprisoned by the Chinese government for exercising their civil and political rights under China's Constitution and laws or under China's international human rights obligations. The enhancement of the database that the Commission announced this past summer roughly doubled the types of information available to the public, enabling individuals, organizations, and governments to better report on political imprisonment in China and to more effectively advocate on behalf of Chinese political prisoners. And people around the world have been using the database to do just that. The number of "hits" to the database from individual users, NGOs, academic institutions and governments around the world has skyrocketed. The database makes clear that political imprisonment in China is well-documented, it is a practice whereby the Chinese government has shown disrespect for the law not only in Liu Xiaobo's case, but in thousands of other cases, and it must end.

Unfortunately, the end to political imprisonment in China does not appear likely at this time. Since the Nobel Committee's announcement, Mr. Liu's wife, Liu Xia, has been harassed relentlessly, and remains confined virtually incommunicado under what appears to be house arrest. In the weeks following the Nobel Committee's announcement, there have been over 100 documented incidents in which Chinese citizens have been harassed, interrogated, subjected to police surveillance, detained or placed under house arrest for their expressions of support for Liu. Articles in China's official state-run media have attacked the Nobel committee and painted a harshly negative portrait of Liu. Chinese authorities have attempted to limit the dissemination of information about Liu's receiving the Nobel Prize. Chinese officials have censored unauthorized references to Liu on the Internet and cell phones and blocked access to news about Liu from outside China. Chinese officials have imposed severe travel restrictions on Chinese activists, scholars, and lawyers whom they

fear will attempt to attend the Nobel peace prize award ceremony in Norway on December 10. In the last month, Beijing police reportedly have prevented leading scholars and lawyers from boarding flights to attend international conferences for fear they will attend the Nobel peace prize award ceremony. Other public intellectuals physically have been prevented by police from meeting foreign reporters.

The Director of the Nobel Institute said China's pressure on other governments to boycott this year's ceremony has been unprecedented in his twenty years as Director. China's G20 negotiator said that countries sending officials to attend the award ceremony honoring Mr. Liu must be ready to "accept the consequences." Diplomats report that the Chinese Embassy in Oslo has sent official letters to foreign embassies in the Norwegian capital asking them not to make statements in support of Liu, and not to attend the Nobel awards ceremony on December 10. This is not the behavior of a strong, responsible government.

As Liu Xia said the morning her husband was selected to receive the Nobel Prize, "China's new status in the world comes with increased responsibility. China should embrace this responsibility, and have pride in his selection and release him from prison." As Nobel laureate Vaclav Havel correctly noted, "intimidation, propaganda, and repression are no substitute for reasoned dialogue. . . ." And as Nobel laureate Desmond Tutu recently wrote together with Vaclav Havel:

We know that many wrongs have been perpetrated against China and its people throughout history. But awarding the Nobel Peace Prize to Liu is not one of them. Nor is the peaceful call for reform from the more than 10,000 Chinese citizens who dared to sign Charter 08. . . . China has a chance to show that it is a forward-looking nation, and can show the world that it has the confidence to face criticism and embrace change. . . . This is a moment for China to open up once again, to give its people the ability to compete in the marketplace of ideas. . . .

I take particular note of the words of Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, who, in a recent interview with CNN, stated:

Freedom of speech is indispensable. . . . The people's wishes for, and needs for, democracy and freedom are irresistible."

Sadly, the Chinese government clearly has shown the world, through its mistreatment of Liu Xiaobo and countless others, that Premier Wen's words are not the basis for government action in China.

This Resolution shines a light on the Chinese government's failure to enforce basic human rights, and underlines that China once again is at an important crossroads, and seems to be turning in the wrong direction. This has implications not only for the development of institutions of democratic governance in China, but also for the United States in managing our relations with China.

I am pleased to co-sponsor this important Resolution.

IN HONOR OF CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER JOHN ULSTROM

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of retired Chief Warrant Officer John Ulstrom, who walked 1,500 miles from Desdemona, TX to Washington, DC in an effort to bring attention to the need for better mental health care for troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Officer Ulstrom made this journey in memory of his friend's son Joe Vitalec, a 21 year old Army reservist who committed suicide after developing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in Iraq. Unfortunately, stories like Mr. Vitalec's are not uncommon. Statistics from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) reveal that veterans account for 20% of American suicides, which amounts to 18 suicides per day. Today's soldiers are deployed for unprecedented amounts of time, and the extra exposure to combat takes its toll. A study published in the Archives of Internal Medicine found that nearly one out of three veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan who required services from the VA in the first part of the decade were diagnosed with psychological trauma. The VA has been underfunded for years, and it employs only a fraction of the number of mental health care workers needed to give veterans the treatment they need. Many veterans receive no treatment at all, and many of those who do receive it in the form of a pill.

In his blog, Ulstrom explains the situation in more personal terms. "I have seen firsthand that there is a severe shortage of mental health workers and psychiatrists in the military and Dept. of Veterans Affairs. PTSD is a severe problem with our returning veterans, with no one to talk to and nowhere to turn, many vets suffer alone with no treatment whatsoever, slowly descending into their own personal hell."

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in applauding Officer Ulstrom for his work. By making this journey and sharing his story, he has personalized the pain of mentally ill veterans and their families. These men and women who have given so much of themselves to our country deserve our full support.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL DONALD J. GOLDHORN, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE GUAM NATIONAL GUARD, FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. MADELINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary service and leadership of Major General Donald J. Goldhorn, the Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard. Major General Goldhorn has been an outstanding leader of the men and women in the Guam National Guard and has been actively involved in our community on

Guam for many years. Major General Goldhorn is a member of the Rotary Club of Guam Sunrise and is an active supporter of local charities. He also supports community service projects for our civilian and military communities. Further, no has been a key resource to the Armed Forces Committee of the Guam Chamber of Commerce.

Before joining the U.S. Army, Major General Goldhorn, in 1966, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Huron College in South Dakota and, in 1967, a Master of Science Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota. As an officer in the U.S. Army, he attended the Army Command and General Staff College in 1980 and in 1995, was a Resident at the Army War College.

Major General Goldhorn's military career began in 1969 when he was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps. In January 1970, Lt. Goldhorn served as a Field Medical Assistant at the 91st Evacuation Hospital in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Later that year, he served as the Commander for the 51st Medical Company, then again as Commander of the Headquarters Detachment of the 67th Evacuation Hospital. In total, Major General Goldhorn held command positions for 11 months in Vietnam.

Following his service in Vietnam, he was named Assistant Adjutant for the Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center in Denver, Colorado in January 1971. Subsequently he held a number of other positions in the Army Reserves before joining the South Dakota National Guard. Major General Goldhorn has the unique distinction of serving in both the South Dakota and Guam National Guards. His unique experience has helped him be a successful and resourceful leader of the Guam National Guard.

Of particular note, on August 6, 1997, Major General Goldhorn was serving as Chief of Staff to the Guam Army National Guard when he earned the Guam Commendation Medal and Humanitarian Award for his efforts in the recovery of victims from Korean Airlines Flight 801 crash. The efforts of leaders like Major General Goldhorn after this crash ensured the survival of 26 people. After his time as Chief of Staff, Major General Goldhorn returned to the South Dakota National Guard serving as the Assistant Adjutant General. Major General Goldhorn returned to Guam on March 18, 2005, coming from the Retired Reserve, to serve as the Adjutant General for the Guam National Guard and Director of Guam Department of Military Affairs.

Major General Goldhorn took over leadership of the Guam National Guard at a critical time in the history of the National Guard. He has worked hard to successfully transition from a strategic reserve to an operational force. He has had to balance domestic mission resource requirements with the demands of multiple deployments for Guam National Guard units to the Horn of Africa, Afghanistan and Iraq. Further, he has worked to ensure that the men and women of the Guam National Guard remain ready to support our efforts at home and abroad. Major General Goldhorn has been a leader in working with National Guard Bureau leadership and Congress to ensure that the National Guard has adequate full-time manning. Full-time manning ensures that the National Guard maintains its highest levels of readiness and increases

dwelt time so that soldiers and airmen can spend more time at home with their families and at their jobs.

Further, Major General Goldhorn has worked to increase the end strength of the Guam National Guard and increase its mission requirements. He understood the potential benefits of the Army's restructuring on Guam. As such, Major General Goldhorn provided the leadership for the transformation of Guam National Guard missions and capabilities. His efforts successfully capture the ability of the Guam National Guard to recruit and retain quality soldiers and airmen. In addition, Major General Goldhorn continues to work with leaders in the U.S. Air Force Headquarters, Pacific Air Force, Andersen Air Force Base and Air Mobility Command to bring a flying mission to Guam. Major General Goldhorn recognizes the strategic importance of Guam and the importance of supporting the Air Force mission in the Western Pacific. He also understands the humanitarian aid and support role of the United States in the Western Pacific and it is these requirements that drive the necessity of having a permanent flying mission on Guam. While the ultimate goal of having aircraft in Guam will not be realized during his tenure he has laid the groundwork for his predecessor to achieve success on this critical capability for Guam and the Guam National Guard.

Building on our strategic location, Major General Goldhorn ensured that the Guam National Guard would participate in the National Guard's State Partnership Program. The National Guard State Partnership Program enhances a respective combatant commander's ability to build enduring civil-military relationships that improve long-term international security while building partnership capacity across all levels of society. The Guam National Guard partnership with the Philippines provides Filipino forces and civilian counterparts with capacity building exercises and trainings. This particular partnership recognizes the unique cultural and historic link between Guam and the people of the Philippines. In recognition of the partnership's success Major General Goldhorn, in October 2010, was awarded the Republic of the Philippines' Outstanding Achievement Medal by the country's Secretary of Defense for his efforts under the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program.

Above all else, Major General Goldhorn has the utmost care and respect for his soldiers and airmen in the Guam National Guard. He has travelled to the Horn of Africa, Iraq, Afghanistan and the Philippines to visit with our men and women in uniform while they performed their missions. He has been a mentor to many of the men and women in the Guam National Guard. Under his leadership, the organization thrived during these difficult times of engagement in several conflicts while transforming the way it prepares, fights and deploys for conflicts. Major General Goldhorn is the reason that our Guam National Guard is respected and admired across the branches of the military and across our Nation.

It is on the occasion of Major General Goldhorn's retirement from the Guam Army National Guard that I join the people of Guam in acknowledging his leadership, service, and dedication to serving the community of Guam. I commend him on his prolific military career, thank him for his service to our island community and people, and wish him the best in his retirement.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the designation of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

On December 6, 1960, President Dwight D. Eisenhower created the Arctic National Wildlife Range "for the purpose of preserving unique wildlife, wilderness, and recreational values" of North East Alaska. The reserve was further expanded by President Jimmy Carter in 1980 and renamed the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, ANWR, to further recognize the breathtaking landscape and stunning diversity of wildlife that inhabit the area.

The Arctic Refuge is the only completely protected Arctic ecosystem in the U.S. and one of our country's environmental crown jewels. Stretching from the plains of the Arctic Sea to the soaring mountains of the Brooks Range and lush boreal forests of the Alaskan lowlands, ANWR protects critical breeding and migratory habitat for over 200 species. The very essence of ANWR is that it is pristine and untouched.

Throughout my career in Congress I have fought to protect ANWR from the scourge of oil and gas drilling. A few extra tablespoons of oil for our gas tanks are not worth irreparably damaging this pristine environment which is truly a national treasure.

Some would argue that most Americans will not visit ANWR in their lifetimes and therefore it does not warrant the strongest protections that Congress can give it. Hundreds of my Central New Jersey constituents have written me opposing oil and gas drilling in this area. While they may not have visited the reserve, they understand the value that our public lands have to all Americans and I will continue to fight to protect ANWR on behalf of my constituents, their children and their children's children.

CONGRATULATING LIU XIAOBO ON NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this resolution as I do not believe it is our place, as Members of the U.S. Congress, to dictate internal policy to the Chinese government. Obviously, as an advocate of minimal government and personal liberty, I do not support imprisoning individuals for their political views and believe that anyone held anywhere for merely holding unpopular views—including anyone held in the United States—should be released. I do object to the meddling in this bill which falsely advertises itself as a non-controversial expression of congratulations to a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

As one who believes strongly in national sovereignty and is opposed to the idea of a

world governmental authority, I particularly object to the sentiment expressed in this bill that “violations of human rights in general . . . are matters of legitimate concern to other governments.” This idea is the recipe for abominations such as the “humanitarian” bombing of Serbia in 1999 and is used by those who wish to maintain the current disastrous occupation of Afghanistan. As we can see from interventions such as the U.S. attack on Iraq, which was at least partly sold as a humanitarian-inspired overthrow of a dictator, sometimes the

“cure” is worse than the disease particularly when one calculates the number dead from the intervention and the number actually killed by the regime being replaced.

I find it ironic that, at a time when the U.S. government is desperately attempting to censor the publication of sensitive leaked information that it considers embarrassing and is demonizing and calling for the prosecution or worse of the publisher of that information, Julian Assange, this resolution “calls on the Government of China to cease censoring

media and Internet reporting of the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Liu Xiaobo and to cease its campaign of defamation against Liu Xiaobo.”

In the interest of a non-interventionist U.S. foreign policy I must therefore oppose this resolution and will continue to oppose any meddling in the domestic affairs of foreign countries.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 14

2:15 p.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 2982, to combat international violence against women and girls, S. 3688, to establish

an international professional exchange program, S. 1633, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, S. 3798, to authorize appropriations of United States assistance to help eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet minimum human standards of health, sanitation, and safety, S. Con. Res. 71, recognizing the United States national interest in helping to prevent and mitigate acts of genocide and other mass atrocities against civilians, and supporting and encouraging efforts to develop a whole of government approach to prevent and mitigate such acts, S. Res. 680, supporting international tiger conservation efforts and the upcoming Global Tiger Summit in St. Petersburg, Russia, S. J. Res. 37, calling upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 35th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act, Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-23), international Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on November 3, 2001, and signed by the United States on November 1, 2002 (the

“Treaty”) (Treaty Doc. 110-19), and the nominations of Thomas R. Nides, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, William R. Brownfield, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Suzan D. Johnson Cook, of New York, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, Larry Leon Palmer, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Gregory J. Nickels, of Washington, to be an Alternate Representative to the Sixty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Carol Fulp, of Massachusetts, to be a Representative to the Sixty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Jeanne Shaheen, of New Hampshire, to be a Representative to the Sixty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, all of the Department of State, Paige Eve Alexander, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Alan J. Patricof, of New York, and Mark Green, of Wisconsin, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, and a routine list in the Foreign Service.

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